Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

Gunnison-Dolores - Wildlife

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: Gunnison-Dolores - Wildlife		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:		Telephone:
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	
1. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction of non-point source pollution, such as nutrients, sediment, pesticides, excess salinity in impaired watersheds with total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) where available, groundwater contamination or point sources such as contamination from confined animal feeding operations?	Yes O or No O
2. Will the treatment you intend to implement for water conservation or irrigation efficiency using EQIP result in a considerable reduction in water use?	
3. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction of emissions, such as particulate matter, nitrogen oxides (NOx), volatile organic compounds, and ozone precursors and depleters that contribute to air quality impairment violations of National Ambient Air Quality Standards?	
4. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction in soil erosion and sedimentation from unacceptable levels on agricultural land?	
5. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable increase in the promotion of at-risk species habitat conservation?	
6. Will the treatment that you intend to implement using EQIP result in considerable benefits to residue management, nutrient management, air quality management, invasive species management, pollinator habitat, and animal carcass management technology or pest management?	
7. Will the treatment that you intend to implement using EQIP result in energy conservation benefits?	Yes O or No O

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	
1. Will the project reduce the amount of nutrients/pesticides/salt/selenium or other pollutants entering ground or surface waters?	
2. Will the planned practice(s) promote water conservation on the contracted acres?	
3. Will the project address invasive and/or noxious plants on contracted acres?	Yes O or No O
4. Will the project result in an improvement to the existing management system to meet the state AFO/CAFO regulations?	
5. Does the project increase the diversity of desirable plants on grazing lands?	
6. Does the project improve the health of riparian and/or wetland areas?	
7. Is the proposed project located within the State NRCS wildlife priority area, and do the planned practices address the habitat needs of the targeted species designated in the wildlife priority area, or, is the project designed for pollinator habitat?	
8. Will the proposed project reduce field soil loss to below "T", or, will the planned practice(s) reduce irrigation induced or streambank erosion?	
9. Does the applicant meet one or more of the following conditions: a. Did the applicant successfully complete any past EQIP contract(s) in full compliance; or, b. If the applicant has an existing EQIP contract has it been, and is it now, on schedule and in full compliance: or, c. The applicant has never had an EQIP contract?	
10. Has any portion of the offered acreage been set aside or inventoried by a Cultural Resources Specialist or an Archeologist?	
11. Does the proposed project support organic transition (farming operation to be used while transitioning from conventional to organic production)?	Yes O or No O

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Is the primary purpose of the project to maintain, enhance, or restore sagebrush-steppe, riparian, mountain shrub, or coldwater stream habitat?	
2. Is the primary purpose of the project to maintain, enhance, or restore wetland, pasture and hayland, warmwater stream or pond habitat?	
3. Is the primary purpose of the project to maintain, enhance, or restore pinyon-juniper, deciduous-coniferous woodland, or cropland habitat?	Yes O or No O
4. Is the primary purpose of the project to improve habitat for a wildlife species that is currently catagorized as a State species of concern, State candidate species, or Federal candidate species?	Yes O or No O
5. Is the primary purpose of the project to improve habitat for a wildlife species that is currently catagorized as a Federal threatened species, Federal Endangered species, State threatened species, or State Endangered species?	
6. Is the primary purpose of the project to improve habitat for one of the following species: pheasant; Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep; desert bighorn sheep; pronghorn; elk, mule deer; trout; mountain white fish; or turkey.	
7. Do the proposed practices address the most limiting factor on the property for the targeted specie? (document with species or habitat model)	
8. Are there at least 3 partners (not including the participant or NRCS) contributing dollars for the project?	
9. Are there only 2 partners (not including the participant or NRCS) contributing dollars for the project?	Yes O or No O
10. Is there only 1 partner (not including the participant or NRCS) contributing dollars for the project?	Yes O or No O
11. Do the planned practices establish and maintain native vegetation?	Yes O or No O
12. Will the participant implement an Integrated Pest Management Plan on the contracted acres to address prevention and/or treatment of noxious weeds?	
13. Will implementation of the project result in a minimum increase in the Wildlife Habitat Index of .5 points for the targeted species? (To calculate index use species models in biology tech note #40 or, if a model is not available for the targeted species use the Colorado Wildlife Evaluation Guide).	
14. Will implementation of the project result in an increase in the Wildlife Habitat Index of between .3 and .49 points for the targeted species? (To calculate index use species models in biology tech note #40 or, if a model is not available for the targeted species use the Colorado Wildlife Evaluation Guide).	
15. Will implementation of the project result in an increase in the Wildlife Habitat Index of between .1 and .29 points for the targeted species? (To calculate index use species models in biology tech note #40 or, if a model is not available for the targeted species use the Colorado Wildlife Evaluation	
16. Does the proposal address energy conservation with the application of a Conservation Power Plant (practice code 716)?	Yes O or No O

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
Ranking Score	
Efficiency:	
Local Issues:	
State Issues:	
National Issues:	
Final Ranking Score:	

This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

•	Application Signature Not Required for Contract Development unless required by State policy:
	Development unless required by State poncy.
Signature Date:	Signature Date: